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MEMORANDUM FOR: Rodney B. McDaniel  
Executive Secretary  
National Security Council

SUBJECT: Draft Presidential Statement (U)

REFERENCE: NSC Memo, same subject, dtd 12 May '86

1. As requested in the Reference, this Agency reviewed the Draft Presidential Statement on US Mutual Restraint Policy. (OUO)

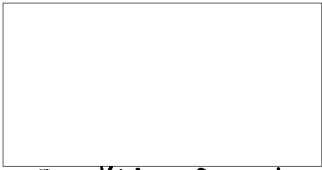
2. Our substantive comments are:

-- Page four, paragraph three, line 16: The words "... missiles can ...." should read "... missiles will...." This change makes the text identical in substance with the recently published NIE 11-3/8 on Soviet Strategic Offensive Forces.

-- Page five, paragraph one, line 3: The word "expired" logically does not apply to the situation the US faced in June 1985. (S)

3. Our review also included a security scrub, to protect intelligence sources and methods, with the result that the current draft of the statement could be made unclassified at Adm. Poindexter's discretion. If major changes are made to the text, however, the new version should be sent back to us for a last look for security purposes -- which should take only a few seconds once the text is in our hands. (OUO)

4. If there is more we can do to assist you here, please call and let me know. (U)

  
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MEMORANDUM FOR: Executive Secretary

FROM:

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Chief, Arms Control Intelligence Staff

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SUBJECT: Draft Presidential Statement (U)

REFERENCE: Memo for DCI, et al, fm Adm. J. Poindexter, subj: same,  
dtd 12 May '86

1. This memorandum is for your action. (U)
2. You received on Monday the Reference for review and comment by noon today. Copies were made for the DCI, et al, as well as the key players on the DI/NIC Soviet Steering Group. You gave action to the DDI and asked for comments by 1030 today. (OUO)
3. At the DDI's request, he chaired a meeting of the Steering Group late Tuesday, where the Draft Presidential Statement was discussed. The key point was -- and remains -- whether our response should address classic intelligence issues or go beyond that into Mr. Casey's policy preferences as a cabinet officer. There was agreement at the table that we should go for the classic intelligence issues only. The reason is that this draft text had to have been written by the NSC Staff under direction and, in fact, was signed out to the NSPG Principals by Adm. Poindexter -- who was aware of its contents (with 95 percent or better certainty). In effect, this does not appear to be the place or time to be seeking policy changes/adjustments on an issue of this import. (We recognize, however, that other NSPG Principals may think otherwise.) As a result, based on the comments in the meeting and my own review, I wrote the attached memorandum for you to send to your counterpart at the NSC Staff. The Steering Group participants gave me their proxy. (OUO)
4. If it should be the case that the DCI wants to weigh in on policy issues, please let me know quickly so that we can turn to the work. (OUO)
5. Our review also included a security scrub, with the result that the current draft of the statement could be made unclassified at Adm. Poindexter's discretion. If major changes are made to the text, however, the new version ought to be sent back to us for a last look for security purposes -- which should take about ten seconds once the text is our hands. (OUO)
6. If there is more we can do to assist you here, please call. (U)

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cc: Soviet Steering Group

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